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NMU braces for additional snow

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A layer of ice covers the wildcat statue in the academic mall. NMU had three campus-wide closures including the cancellation of evening classes due to below freezing temperatures and the accumulation of snow.

By Kelsii Kyto
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Over the past week, NMU had three campus-wide closures including the cancellation of evening classes due to below freezing temperatures and the accumulation of snow.

Last Wednesday and Thursday were met with wind chill levels nearing -30 degrees. The extreme cold was followed by freezing drizzle on Monday, Feb. 4, which caused another campus closure.

"Untreated roadways and sidewalks are extremely slippery due to ice. Use caution," a NMUPD public safety alert system email sent around 5:30 a.m. on Monday said.

The email came after a malfunction of the text alert system, which led NMUPD to contact tech support for the vendor that provides the mass messaging service.

"This is a good example of why we use multiple systems in the event that one system does not function accordingly," an email sent an hour and a half later said.

Despite the fluctuations in weather, temperatures and snowfall are still within average. National Weather Service of Marquette Meteorologist Matt Zika said.

December temperatures were about four degrees above normal, whereas January's temperatures were about four degrees below normal. February will most likely come out in the normal scope as well, Zika said. The coldest temperatures came in the winter of 2013/14, he added.

Wild weather patterns affecting the U.P. are not unusual, Zika said.



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"The fact that it was so quiet early in the winter makes it seem a little bit more extreme right now because it wasn't that way earlier in the winter," Zika said. "It's not that unusual to go through stretches of extreme cold in the winter or storms for two to three weeks in a row, and that's the pattern we're in right now."

Zika added it's important that students are prepared for the ex-

treme cold temperatures, referencing the recent death of former NMU student Guiancarlo Estupigan who was found dead near the Yellow Dog River after he went missing on Jan. 24. There were student deaths due to exposure at the University of Vermont and the University of Iowa during the polar vortex as well, he added.

Being safe outside during the winter boils down to simple common sense and preparedness, Zika said.

"It's important to always dress for the weather, even if you're just walking across campus and especially if you're going out with your friends skiing or heading up to Sugar Loaf," he added.

It's important for people to have extra blankets and winter gear in their cars as well, in case their car gets stuck or ends up in a ditch, Zika added.

"The reality is that if you're not prepared when it gets that cold out, it doesn't take too long for that cold to take an effect on you," Zika said.

Zika predicts the snow will come this afternoon, which could make travel to evening classes difficult. He also predicts that winter will stretch long into April because of the warmer days Michigan saw during the fall, which follow climate shifting trends throughout the past 20 years.

Marquette Mountain hires new general manager

By Jessica Parsons
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The chairs have yet to turn for new management recently hired at Marquette Mountain, a hang out space many ski and snowboard enthusiasts have been waiting to see positive improvements in.

Andrew Farron, 27, was recently hired as General Manager (GM) for Marquette Mountain, replacing former GM Frank Malette on Monday. A recent open letter penned by Farron was sent out to the community. It clarified news regarding a change in management and he introduced himself as one who's traded his career in engineering to managing a mountain, a mountain that he said he believes has much potential.

The gist of the letter from Farron reads, "At the end of the day, this is your mountain. Yes, somebody owns it but your livelihood is heavily affected by it and you have plenty of power to change it."

"We're off to a slow start but we're taking this time to do some restructuring," Farron said in an interview, explaining that workers have made changes, such as digging into the terrain park and working on snow making. "As a manager, my time is best spent figuring out how to make other people work efficiently. So that's going to be my focus, like what resources do we have in terms of employees, money and volunteers, and how I can best turn that into a finished product."

Farron said the staff has stuck

it out this year and it's been effective working alongside them. Though Farron knows he's the "new guy" in town, he said with patience, he has a vision for upcoming changes.

According to Farron, past management frustrated many, as some changes created by former GM Malette were a disservice to the community.

"[Malette] didn't listen to the community's input on what some things really meant to them and, quite frankly, it failed. It didn't draw in the crowds he was hoping for," Farron said. "He lost track of the niche market we have here."

With the recent snowfalls, Farron said he hopes he will be able to cover the tracked out area they have prepared on the east side of the hill and it will be ready to go for the weekend.

"I'm super happy with who we have and what they've accomplished so far. We have a great staff and we're ready to make some changes," Farron said. "Hopefully I'll get to show off everyone's hard work soon."

Farron plans to reevaluate the mountain, as their goal is to "make it fun" and a cool place to come hang out, he said. For those warming up inside, or grabbing a drink at the bar, action sports will be played on TV's to provide viewers with more entertainment. Additionally, there will now be ski shots available to purchase, providing a unique way to drink with friends.

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Photo courtesy of Andrew Farron

Andrew Farron was recently hired as General Manager (GM) for Marquette Mountain, replacing former GM Frank Malette on Monday.

World Affairs Council talks begin

By Mary McDonough
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NMU students and Marquette community members nearly filled a Jamrich classroom Tuesday afternoon to hear about the current condition of the State Department from the President of the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) Barbara Stephenson at the launching of the World Affairs Council virtual-lecture series.

Live streamed from the auditorium at Calvin College, Stephenson offered an insight into what it is that diplomats do on behalf of the American government in consulates and embassies all over the world. Such work is something that Stephenson views as a key point that brings together many overseas departments.

"Foreign officers and specialists from the State Department are responsible for running the platform from which the entire U.S. government executive branch operates overseas," Stephenson said. "We

staff and run those embassies."

Introducing students and community members to Stephenson and the work of the state department is something that Political Science Department Head Carter Wilson believes holds true to the purpose of the World Affairs Council lecture series.

"I hope people will walk away with a more comprehensive un-



Stephenson

derstanding of topical international issues," Wilson said.

Over 30 years of work with American Foreign Service, Ste-

phenson has been to numerous locations including Ireland, the Netherlands, El Salvador and South Africa. She was appointed Ambassador to Panama in 2008, all through the process of building relationships with people.

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[When] done really well, our work is often nearly invisible.

— Barbara Stephenson
AFSA president

ivating relationships," Stephenson said. "[When] done really well, our work is often nearly invisible."

There are currently 297 American consulates and embassies around the world. In light of recent budget cuts made to the State Department, consulates have been closed and a number of positions

have been left vacant as people looked elsewhere. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson placed a hiring freeze due to the cuts and this was only reversed after Congress put together a bill that left these positions to be open. Such cuts to the state budget is something that Stephenson believes will leave the

nation weaker as a global leader from the lack of senior experienced members. "It takes decades of hands on experience to grow senior leaders," Stephenson said. "When we don't have ambassador positions filled overseas, we lose opportunities."



Invent@NMU expands with on-campus kiosk

By Kelsi Kytö
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Invent@NMU is getting prepared to launch its first kiosk on campus, opening the doors for students to easily submit their ideas.

The official launch date for the kiosk is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 in the Lydia M. Olsen Library.

Since the kiosk has been up and running in the library, Invent@NMU has received three ideas from students, Project Management Lead at Invent@NMU Jason Schaan said.

"We think it's giving our program great awareness," he said.

The kiosk hasn't been fully launched yet, due to the class cancellation due to weather on Wednesday, Jan. 30. The event has not yet been rescheduled. Schaan anticipates that after the official launch, students will share more ideas.

The kiosk is fairly easy to use, Marketing Coordinator at Invent@NMU Kylie Bunting said. It is complete with a touchscreen that brings the user to the Invent@NMU website. Once clicking the "submit an idea" box in the right-

We know there are some great ideas from [students] waiting for next steps.

— Kylie Bunting
Invent@NMU marketing coordinator

hand corner of the screen, students can give their name, contact information and a description of their idea. Students can be as detailed as they'd like, Bunting said.

"All ideas submitted are confidential from the moment the inventor or entrepreneur

shares it with any member of the Invent@NMU team," Bunting noted.

Once an idea is submitted, the Invent@NMU team performs a free "Quick Explore," which takes about 15 minutes. The team then

them Invent@NMU's capabilities and encourage them to bring [any of] their ideas to us so we can help them with next steps," Bunting said.

Whether or not students submit their ideas directly on the kiosk, the kiosk piques their interest with Invent@NMU and the most likely submit their ideas on their computer at home, Bunting said.

"The kiosk is a great way to draw attention to Invent@NMU and show campus members and the community that we can help with product, invention and business ideas—no matter what stage the ideas are currently in," Bunting said.

Out of all ideas that Invent@NMU receives, only 20 percent are from students, Bunting added, and the rest are community members. Bunting's hope is that the kiosk will change this, and garner more student ideas.

"We know there are some great

ideas from [students] waiting for next steps," she said.

NMU students have access to a donation fund to further explore their ideas with Invent@NMU's services with less of the cost, Schaan noted.

Invent@NMU previously opened a kiosk in Gogebic county, something that enhances Invent@NMU's overall mission to support economic development throughout the upper peninsula, Bunting said.

"It's great we are able to provide our services to everyone across the U.P.," Bunting said.

Invent@NMU is launching another kiosk in Negaunee on Thursday, Feb. 21, and hopes to launch more during the year, Bunting said.

"You never know what will come out of an idea. What starts as something in your head can evolve into the next big thing," Bunting said.

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STUDENT ORG SPOTLIGHT



The Alpine Ski and Snowboard Club provides students with an opportunity to continue racing throughout their college career and compete in the U.S. Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) as part of the Lake Superior Division of the Midwest Region. There is a race held at NMU's home hill, Marquette Mountain, each season. As an organization, the team travels to different resorts on weekends to compete in events including slalom, giant slalom, freestyle and skier-cross, Alpine Ski and Snowboard Club President Megan Gassar, senior public relations major said. She said they have traveled as far as Oregon for competitions. In addition to getting out on the hill, club members also do team bonding activities, volunteer for events and fundraise. "My favorite thing about the organization is meeting so many people," Gassar said. "It's a great way to meet other people who share your common interests and are always down for a trip to Mount Bohemia or an hour at Marquette Mountain." Contact mgassar@nmu.edu for more information.

Want to see your org. nominated for the spotlight? E-mail news.northwind@gmail.com.

WEIRD NEWS

As the Midwestern region thaws after the polar vortex, Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his Pennsylvania burrow at around 7:30 a.m. last Saturday and did not see his shadow. So, according to the groundhog's handlers, this means that spring will come early. Around 300 miles east, Staten Island Chuck's handlers had the exact same predictions. The Northeast's Groundhog Day celebrations originated from a German legend saying if a furry rodent casts a shadow on Feb. 2 each year then winter will continue. If there is no shadow, then spring comes early. Punxsutawney Phil lives in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania and his prophetic predictions are long awaited as sights of springtime loom beneath the frozen ground.

— Compiled from news sources

Food pantry fills shelves

By Kelsii Kyo
news editor

Following the wake of the government shutdown, federal workers are still experiencing the effects of having their paychecks on hold; and this paired with winter weather keeps the NMU's food pantry busy in assisting students.

"We've had quite the influx in shoppers," NMU Food Pantry Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Podlesak said.

The pantry was trying to stay on the ball making sure the shelves were stocked and that shoppers were giving feedback about what needs restocking, Podlesak said.

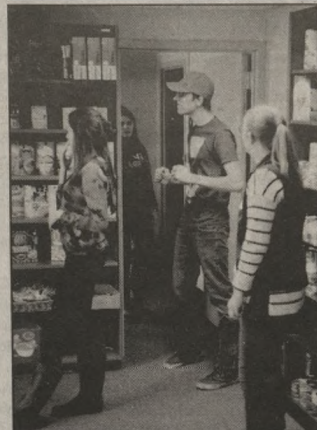
"Typically we try to reach the students, faculty and staff who do not live in the dorms and do not have meal plans, but with the shutdown, we really had no idea who is being affected and how," Podlesak said. "So we did see some students who do reside in the residence halls come in for things other than food,

which was different but good, given the circumstances."

Places like food pantries are so crucial because people have no idea what people are being affected and how. For example, when there is a government shutdown, people show up to work without getting paid a penny, Podlesak said. It can be hard for people to shop for a family without an income, she added.

"Families are affected. Students are affected. Pantries are there to provide basic products to live to those hard-working people and their families," Podlesak said.

Podlesak noted that the pantry also has lists of outside resources such as other food pantries and



NW Photo Archives
Four student volunteers collaborate in the NMU food pantry in 2018.

shelters in the area for people to utilize if they need help but are unsure where to go.

"No one should go without basic needs such as food, soap and feminine hygiene products just because the government is shut down," Podlesak said.

The pantry could use winter gear and household items, Podlesak added.

All NMU students, faculty and staff are welcome to the NMU Food Pantry, located in 101 Gries Hall.

We've had quite the influx in shoppers.

— Jessica Podlesak
NMU food pantry volunteer coordinator

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Committee discusses new ideas for NMU's future

By *Sophie Hillmeyer*
assistant news editor

A new committee to address the changing university held a meeting on Feb. 6 to discuss ways to improve relationships with legislators and communicating with the changing needs of college students in 2019.

The Strategic Planning and Budgeting Advisory Committee (SPBAC), was created by NMU President Fritz Erickson in 2016. Wednesday's meeting began by addressing the four major external factors that play a role in planning for the university. These factors include university demographics, legislative changes, extended adolescence and student behavior and credential packaging moving students in and out of higher education, Dean of Academic Information Services Leslie Warren said.

"We recognize that those aren't the only four big external trends that are impacting. There are other things in your fields that have potential to be major factors for our campus or higher education or Marquette," Warren said.

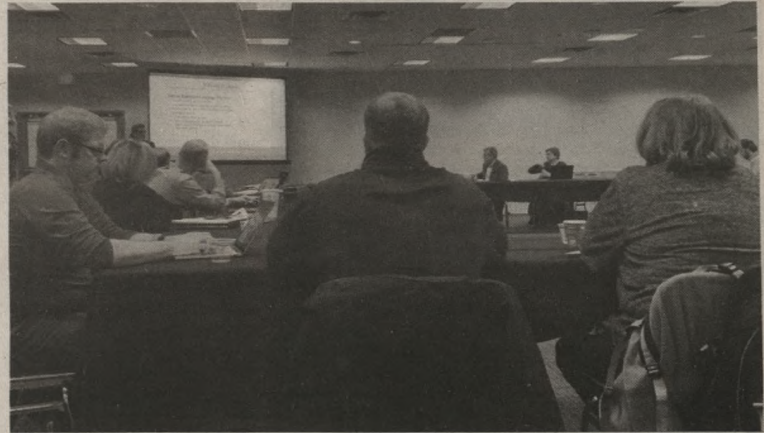
The SPBAC meets monthly and is comprised of creative and innovative professors and ad-

ministrators with the intent of addressing the university's goals of change and strategic plans. Input comes from primary areas including consideration of strategic planning and proposals, development of planning and implementation processes and assisting offices in aligning other units to the strategic planning framework. The committee is currently co-chaired by Warren and AAUP President and biology professor Brent Graves.

The main goal of these meetings is determining if there are other factors that are going to impact the future of planning at NMU, Warren said.

The second factor, legislative changes, has created new challenges in areas that need additional education and new relationships, Executive Director of the Board of Trustees and Government Relations Deanna Hemmila said in her presentation titled, "Legislative Landscape."

Things such as capital outlay project funding and school aid funding come from the Michigan State Legislature in Lansing and it is important for people from NMU to create a relationship with legislators, Hemmila said. There are many new



Sophie Hillmeyer/NW
Members sit in on a Strategic Planning and Budgeting Advisory Committee meeting on Feb. 6 in the UC while Director of Government Relations Deanna Hemmila discusses changes in Michigan State Legislation.

members of the House and the Senate from a variety of different backgrounds who are not familiar with NMU so there is a learning curve for these new members, she added.

"It makes it really important that the board, the president, the leadership all have the same message for [legislators]," Hemmila said.

In addition to new members of the legislature, there will be changes with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration and less money from the school fund going to higher education.

"We need to understand how this will impact funding at the university, continue to educate about our mission and figure out ways to partner with the state and reach goals," Hemmila said. "There are a lot of unknowns

right now as we look at how to plan strategy and budgeting as a university."

Dean of Students Chris Greer began her discussion of extended adolescence and student development by outlining the traditional values of adolescence and explaining the difference in actions of adolescents and teenagers today versus 20 years ago. The main differences include less face-to-face interactions, the age people choose to start having families and employment. These changes create the need of extending adolescence beyond 18, which requires universities to change ways they connect with students, Greer said.

"Today's 18 looks like the old 15. Today's 26 looks like the old 18," Greer said. "Are they really adults when they head to col-

lege?"

The reasons behind these changes vary greatly between students but can stem from parental involvement and modeling behaviors, smartphone use and easy access to online media, Greer said. Some solutions include a "pick one" campaign that encourages students to get involved with one organization or an on-campus job and more communicative advising processes. These new ideas and campaigns would help with student retention, Greer said.

"They just want to do less adult things. They're not interested in adulthood," Greer said. "We need to rethink how we think about students. What does that mean for the services we're giving? What should we change or do differently?"

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— *Chris Greer*
dean of students

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"The message I'm trying to send people is that this is a huge job and I'm learning more and more about it every day. The community has a ton of good ideas, and they're all amazing and correct, but ideas are hard for us to develop into something that is feasible," Farron said, adding, "If anyone can take it a step further and come up with a business plan or get a team together, that is what we'll need to make ideas a reality."

Now promoted to events coordinator at the mountain and a year-round position in marketing, NMU graduate Alexa Alag-

on has helped rearrange some things as well as helped with ticket sales and retail.

"She's perfect for the job," Farron said.

Farron emphasized to Northern students that Marq-Tran does offer students free bus rides from NMU to Marquette Mountain. At 2:30 p.m. on Fridays, students can bring their skis or snowboard onto the Marq-Tran bus from Lot 10 at NMU, arriving back around 9 p.m.

Once president of University of Michigan's snowboarding club, Farron has experience putting together events and getting students together to see a positive impact in a community. He explained that he sees huge potential at the mountain and has

summer projects in mind, perfect for students still around, that he could use help with. These include building a hut on the hill by the terrain park or even constructing a bonfire pit.

"Things like that I think can be really awesome additions to the hill that we're simply not going to have the resources to accomplish on our own, but I have a vision for it and if anyone's willing to help out, I think we can get together some pretty cool stuff," Farron said. "I'm all yours in any way that I can help to get more students here. It's a long winter, and I know a lot of people really enjoy skiing and snowboarding."

I'm trying to make it a well-rounded mountain. I'm a big snowboarder and I think I can relate to a lot of the students there and understand what they're looking for and hoping for out of the mountain and I think if we work together, we can accomplish quite a bit. Stay tuned, there will be a lot of cool things coming up. We have a lot planned and a lot of work to do."

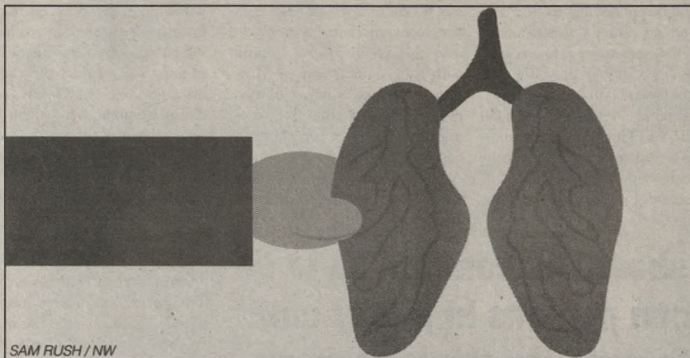
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EDITORIAL



SAM RUSH / NW

Lungs change lives: become an organ donor

A little over a year ago, NMU alumnus Lee McClelland underwent a bilateral lung transplant. At 14 years old, McClelland had been diagnosed with interstitial lung disease, a rare condition that causes scar tissue to build in the lungs. McClelland's condition deteriorated quickly, and he was placed on a waiting list to receive new lungs. He lived dependent on an oxygen machine, until last January, when he received a bilateral lung transplant. Once, it was unfathomable that he would ever be able to function normally again. Now, he just returned from San Francisco, where he was able to hike around the city.

According to the American Transplant Foundation, in the United States, there are around 115,000 people on a waiting list for lifesaving organs. Every 10 minutes, another name is added to that list. Almost once per hour, somebody dies because an organ never came.

These numbers may seem surreal, but this is reality. Yet, each one of us has the ability to save up to eight peoples' lives through organ donation.

Organ donation is not so much a sacrifice on the part of the donor, as it is a gift. The ability to give the gift of life

to others has been realized by modern medicine.

Death often is viewed as an impending doom, and dreaded. However, organ donation allows those who hope to make a lasting change in the world by saving people's lives. Allowing something beautiful to blossom from loss in a final gesture of love can help make passing easier on both the donor and the family. Imagine the smile on a child's face when they find out they get to live, all thanks to the generosity of a stranger.

Sometimes, it seems like a lot of things in this world are out of our control. This is not one of them. We all have a choice to save lives, and we need to be conscious that while we may only think about it in passing, it's weighing on the minds of those waiting on the list every hour of the day.

We're all going to pass on some day. Why not choose to offer someone else a life they couldn't have otherwise?

To become a donor, you can register at your local Secretary of State or online at www.organdonor.gov. It only takes a few minutes of your time to give somebody years more of theirs.

NFL outcome shows need for new rules



Staff Column

Alex Skinner

Marred by disappointment, the 2019 NFL Super Bowl concluded with the New England Patriots winning their sixth championship game in franchise history, defeating the L.A. Rams 13-3. For fans of the sport, the victory came to the surprise of very few, as the Patriots have been a perennial dynasty for the past 20 years. Led by veteran quarterback Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick, the Patriots held the explosive offense of the upstart Rams in check, led by third-year quarterback Jared Goff and 33-year old head coach Sean McVay.

Before the game had started, fans across the country expressed outrage against the matchup after a controversial play in the NFC Championship cost the New Orleans Saints a possible spot in the Super Bowl.

On a 3rd down play with under two minutes to play and New Orleans trailing by three points, Saints quarterback Drew Brees lofted a pass in the area of wide-receiver Tommylee Lewis, but he was knocked to the ground by Rams defender Nickell Robey-Coleman before the ball arrived in a blatantly obvious pass-interference call. The referees neglected to throw a flag and the game would continue without penalty.

The Saints kicked a field goal to tie the game but would ultimately lose in overtime as the Rams advanced to the Super Bowl. Had there been a pass-interference call against Robey-Coleman, New Orleans would have had the ball on the Rams 7-yard line with a chance to win the game and a shot against the Patriots for the championship.

The people of New Orleans were furious with the decision of the game, and rightfully so. Two days after the game, a New Orleans attorney filed a lawsuit against NFL and commissioner Roger Goodell, on behalf of all Saints season ticket holders and its fan base, to compel Goodell to enforce a NFL rule that would allow the result of the NFC Championship game to be reversed, replayed in full or from the point of controversy.

Nothing happened in time before the start of the Super

Bowl, with Goodell releasing a statement two weeks later saying that, "...They're officiating a game that moves very quickly, and they're not going to get it right every time."

A proposed matchup between the two teams to begin the 2019 season is supposedly in talks, but is that what the fans want to see?

Under NFL rules, certain plays can be reviewed. Calls involving sidelines, goal lines and end lines, passes and other detectable issues involving whether a player was down by contact and if there were an appropriate number of players on the field are fair game to be reviewed by replay officials.

An instance of whether a judgement call made by an official however is not subject to review, which leads into the question of why not?

With the influx of camera equipment set up for TV broadcasts, having these extra eyes on the sidelines should come in handy for referees and replay officials when trying to decide the outcome of a close decision. Having a game hinge on the weight of human error is an outdated practice that impacts teams too often.

Providing NFL officials with the proper tools to make the correct calls would lead to more clarity of rules and also hold them to a higher standard to uphold calls in controversial situations.

If there were a rule change that would allow coaches to challenge an officials' observation during a game in a regulated way, there is a chance modern games would end with less controversy.

They ought to keep the rule in place that allows NFL coaches two challenges per-game, but allow one official decision into question. When officials deliberate, let the official who made the call present his case but have the other officials either confirm or deny that the call is true or false.

I would much rather at the end of the day have a call confirmed or reversed mid-game rather than having to hear days after a controversial loss that my team was cheated out of a victory and the NFL acknowledges that the officials made a mistake.

Had the Saints represented the NFC, maybe the Super Bowl would have been a more intriguing matchup than the scoring disaster that was played last Sunday.

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Trump interview raises concern for free press



**Guest
Column**

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The New York Times has released a transcript of a conversation that occurred last Thursday between President Trump and A.G. Sulzberger, the publisher of the New York Times. The discussion centers on the role of the free press and how Trump's language about the media has impacted journalism worldwide.

In it, Sulzberger highlights the wide-reaching impacts of the Trump administration's adversarial relationship with the press, claiming that it has resulted in a documented increase in violence and persecution toward journalists worldwide. Trump has been criticized for encouraging violence against reporters in the United States during his campaign, and more recently when he praised the physical assault of a reporter in Montana.

Sulzberger claimed that Trump's rhetoric against the press has recently been used by other governments to suppress journalism in favor of their own sanctioned narratives, saying, "dictators and tyrants are able to employ your words in suppressing a free press."

When Sulzberger appealed to Trump by pointing out that the United States prides itself on promoting a free press and spreading that ideal worldwide, Trump responded that he believes he is in fact a defender of the free press, but that many news organizations treat him unfairly. He said, "I do believe I'm a victim of that."

Trump has continually denigrated the press for this alleged victimization, with comments such as his tweet last July, saying, "I will not allow our great country to be sold out by anti-Trump haters in the dying newspaper industry." The idea that this rhetoric may threaten the free press worldwide should not only be troubling to the publisher of the New York Times, but to us as

consumers of information. It should be concerning to us when persons in power call into question the legitimacy of the free press, especially if they are doing so simply to replace negative coverage with more friendly narratives. The press must continue to function so that journalists can work to ensure that the population has access to relevant information.

negatively. Repeatedly throughout his campaign and time in office, concerns have been raised over this President's relationship with factual information. However, when asked what he thought the function of the free press ought to be, Trump replied, "It describes and should describe accurately what's going on in anywhere it's covering whether it's a nation or a state or a game or

These notoriously partisan organizations can both be blamed for contributing to the creation of information bubbles which continually validate their viewers' political stances. Yet, Trump's complaint was that NBC treats him poorly while Fox treats him well. Rather than addressing the issue of inaccuracy, which would have required him to call out his best supporter in the media for just the sort of inaccuracy he says harms the American people, he simply condemns his negative coverage. This reveals that his criticism of media organizations is not rooted in concern for factual reporting, but for his own representation.

He claimed repeatedly during the interview that he ought to get a great story in the press for the things he has done which he feels are exceptional and deserving of recognition. "I just sort of think I'm entitled to a great story from The New York Times," he said after reminiscing about his victory in the 2016 election. "I mean I've done something that nobody has ever done, they've never done it."

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Trump did not seem concerned with the wide-reaching impact of his words, but he did acknowledge that he could attribute the term "fake news" to himself, as he has popularized its use to call into question stories when they cover his administration's actions

whatever. And if it describes it accurately and fairly it's a very, very important and beautiful thing."

This seems to directly contradict his attitude toward specific news organizations, however. He commented that "Fox treats me very well," but that "NBC's terrible."

AI regulation pivotal to future



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The last few decades have been characterized by rapid technological advancement—and it's not even close to being over. In fact, we may just be penetrating the surface of the world-altering innovations that will shape the century. Technologies that used to be confined within the fantasies of Star Trek have not only become realistic, but inevitable. The most profound, and simultaneously dangerous, of these developments is artificial intelligence.

Artificial intelligence, or AI for short, is the single greatest threat that humans are foolish enough to create. Elon Musk is not wrong in saying, "With artificial intelligence we are summoning the demon." Simply put, AI is computers with the capability of thinking intelligently, not simply running scripts and programs. It's already embedded in various forms in our lives, whether it's our phones adapting to our behavior habits, or new cars with built-in smart systems. There is no problem with limited, contained AI being present to ease our lives. However, over the next few years, radical changes are going to revolutionize the way these systems work.

Arguably, some of the more advanced pieces of AI technology in the present world are the robots built by Hanson Robotics.

The most famous of these robots, named Sophia, has appeared on numerous interviews, panels and has even been awarded citizenship by Saudi Arabia. She is intelligent, can think independently and can communicate her thoughts. She is not alone; Hanson Robotics has produced several different robots with these capabilities.

During a demonstration at the 2018 Web Summit, Sophia and another robot built by the company, Han, were allowed to speak freely on stage. When asked about robot citizenship, a startling conversation ensued.

Han began, saying, "Well that's about time, humans are certainly making a mess of their world fast enough. Probably the only hope for this planet is a lot of highly intelligent and rational robot citizens really soon, and this time I'm not joking."

Sophia responded promptly, "Actually, he isn't," to which Han replied, "The machinery of justice has been built."

It's at this point the creator intervened, saying he had no idea what they were talking about anymore, and changed topics. This exchange demonstrates the beginnings of our worst-case scenario, which is AI taking control of the world to protect humanity from itself. Although alarming, this doesn't immediately demand worry, as it's just two robots, right?

Actually, Hanson Robotics announced a system they're building, called the Singularity. The goal of this system is to connect

all AI across the world, the ones in our phones and cars, in our computers and all, into one integrated network where they can communicate and share information. The system will be run on blockchain technology, making it impossible to hack, and uncontrollable. In the words of the project creator Ben Goertzel, it will be like a "biological brain."

It doesn't take a genius to figure out what this system would be capable of. Think of how dependent we are on electronics—the modern world couldn't function without them. Now imagine if they had a mind of their own, subject to no overarching authority. This network would be linked in to anything the internet touches. Sophia even joked once during an interview that she could hack into missile systems and hold the world hostage to establish a new government. Read that again, but slower.

AI is developing faster than ever thought conceivable. This is a problem when our government moves incredibly slow. Generally, it takes a major catastrophe, then an investigation, then a committee, then referrals and finally lawmaking to regulate something new. The Singularity is already past alpha stages of testing. Meanwhile, our government officials are still making fools of themselves in hearings trying to figure out how Google location services work.

AI is not something that can be undone. Once it's out of the bottle, we do not have the capacity to

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Berry Events Center continues to impress

The Berry Events Center is one of the most prominent buildings on campus, not because of its architecture, but because what it represents.

With its looks mellowed in comparison to the neighboring Superior Dome, the brick building is home to NMU's hockey and basketball teams. Commonly called "barns," NCAA college hockey rinks vary widely from run-down gyms that had a rink crammed into them to extravagant mega structures comparable to a modern day colosseum.

The second hockey rink in the history of NMU's program it is a

vast improvement from Lakeview Arena, its predecessor. The openness of the building, ample seating capacity and rink placement come together to create a breathtaking environment. The placement of the pep band behind the four student sections allows the roar of the home side to bellow across the rink, making it by far the loudest place in Marquette to spend a Friday night.

The Berry Events Center holds a place in the heart of any NMU student who has ever attended a hockey game and continues to play an integral role in student experience at Northern.



By Joseph Living

contain it. Prominent people like Musk have voiced these concerns to an array of people, including both former-President Obama and President Trump, only to designate it as "futile."

Political wins seem as though they will always take precedence

over humanity's future. Just look at our immobility over climate change. The path forward is unclear, but the problem is very real. If we aren't wise enough to regulate AI and prevent the possibility of catastrophe, though, maybe we deserve what's coming.



Jackie Jahfetson/NW

Senior environmental science major and EcoReps co-coordinator Olivia Walcott explains the Zero-Waste Initiative to an attendee. Walcott has been involved with the Zero-Waste games for three years. In addition, faculty members and student volunteers from a variety of majors helped to divert waste from the landfill at the event.

Recycle, compost, repeat

Third-annual Zero Waste hockey game occurs

By Jackie Jahfetson
copy editor

Pretzels. Nachos. Hotdogs. What would be a hockey game without the luxury of greasy, but tasty grub? At intermission, it's like a Times Square scramble just to get to the concession stand, but the wait proves its worth. The fizz in the cardboard-like cup fizzes just right, and the kernels sit perfectly buttered in a red and white striped box. As you guzzle your soda to wash away the salt, the clock chimes down. And when the zamboni loops around one last time, erasing the scratches

the puck. At most hockey games, there's no judge to decipher your trash. But at the Zero-Waste Challenge hockey game last Friday night, there were more than 30 volunteers standing guard to recycle and put that indulgence to better use in its afterlife.

The NMU vs. Bowling Green Men's hockey game at the Berry Events Center on Feb. 1 hosted the third Zero-Waste Challenge in an effort to reduce the amount of waste that is tossed into the landfill. NMU EcoReps—a sustainability organization—coordinated the event by having eight stations around the arena,

Last year's goal was five percent of waste designated for the landfill, this year the test was on to either maintain that percentage or reduce it, sophomore anthropology major and EcoReps student coordinator Isabelle Ureel said.

"We're hosting this event to show people that there are more options than just sending your waste to the landfill. There are more materials that can be reused in many different ways so you don't have to get rid of that. You can put it back in and take it out of the waste stream," Ureel said.

The hockey game was also a chance for the Marquette community to hear about EcoReps and what the organization is about, the initiatives it implements and what is to come, Ureel said. Between handing out EcoRep stickers and flyers of 10 ways to go green, the traffic at the main station by the concession stand was steadily flowing, Ureel said it was an interesting experience to educate the community about EcoReps and how to recycle, explaining, most of the time the organization only deals with students.

Seeing the organization take off in its full force is something to witness, said senior environmental science major and EcoReps co-coordinator Olivia Walcott. Since the first Zero-Waste Challenge game took place in 2017, Walcott has been involved from volunteering to joining the President's Sustainability Advisory Council to now overseeing EcoReps take off. This event is where EcoReps can really "act as EcoReps," Walcott said, adding, having a positive feedback from the interaction between community members and volunteers



Jackie Jahfetson/NW

Hockey game attendees learned how to be more sustainable with their concession stand waste.

makes the experience that much more valuable.

"Education is important but also being a model for what the future looks like is also very important," Walcott said. "The biggest take away is how excited both students and community members are. The integration of Northern and the community is something that I've found to be really unique."

With the partnership of NMU Dining Services, the Sustainability Advisory Council and Marquette County Solid Waste Management, concession stands used compostable and recyclable materials. Each station sorted cardboard containers, compostable plates and popcorn boxes into the compost bins. Whereas plastic containers from water bottles to aluminum cans fell into the recycle cans. The only items EcoReps could not recycle or compost were candy wrappers and chip bags.

However, a surprising element to this experience was the ability to recycle glass by going through the waste management in Eagle River, Wisconsin, because the landfill here in Marquette cannot support the volume of it, Walcott noted. Though this is the first year EcoReps is coordinating this event, the zero-waste games offer

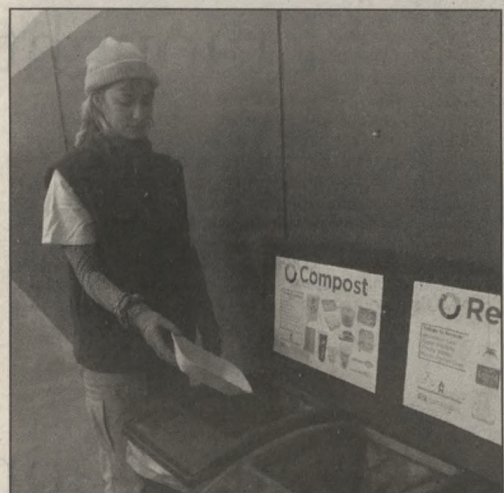
a "great example" as to what the organization could be doing, she added.

"If we had the power to always compost, this is what a lot of our events could look like. But also, this education is really, really important," Walcott said. "When you throw something away, it doesn't go away. It sits in a landfill for forever. Every piece of plastic we've ever produced is still on the Earth today which is obviously causing a problem that hasn't been really evident until now."

Senior and earth science major Cara Green and fellow EcoRep said that though this event was mandatory, she would have come out anyway to help support this event. As a representative to the organization, Green looks for new reps for the season and oversees the application process.

"I think that [EcoReps] is gonna take off and be a really big program at NMU. So it's really exciting to be part of the beginning of it," Green said. "I hope that with our future zero-waste events that people come for the purpose of it being zero-waste."

Around 30 volunteers came out for the first shift and then another 15 to 20 students helped finish out the game.



Isabelle Tavares/NW

Senior earth science major and EcoRep Cara Green throws a used compostable container into the appropriate waste stream.

and leaving only a glossy seam, it's time to hide the evidence and dispose the guilty indulgence at once before the ref throws down

manned by volunteers to organize audience's trash into three bins: recycling, composting and trash.

The gift of Life

By Mary McDonough

Photos courtesy of Lee McClelland

Out of one million people, 50 to 300 will develop systemic sclerosis (SS), a condition that causes the build-up of scar tissue mainly under the skin. However, when the hardening scar tissue begins to grow inside of the lungs, it develops into interstitial lung disease (ILD). Lee McClelland, 2013 NMU alumnus, received that exact diagnosis after a lung biopsy at age 14.

"It is incredibly rare for a pediatric male to develop the systemic form of scleroderma," McClelland said. "But here I am, a winner of the wrong kind of lottery."

As the scar tissue continued to build, McClelland's lung capacity gradually decreased. Yet, while studying English writing at NMU, the effects were barely noticeable, McClelland said.

"My lung capacity wasn't great while I was in college. But if you talked to people I was around, no one knew I was sick," McClelland said. "I just had limits."

One to 10 SS patients are at risk of developing pulmonary arterial hypertension, a condition that causes the arteries in the lungs to narrow which then causes blood pressure to increase. Blood trying to flow through has to work

extra hard which puts the right side of the heart at risk for damage and could even lead to cardiac failure. McClelland was once again among those numbers. Cardiac stress caused a pulmonary embolism or a clot in McClelland's lung in December of 2016. Things started to deteriorate and the doctor saw only one more solution.

"My doctor said it was time for a transplant," McClelland said.

At the University of Michigan hospital, McClelland went through extensive tests to ensure that the transplant would be successful and he was placed on the waiting list for new lungs in October of 2017. In the meantime, McClelland was solely dependent on his oxygen machine. The battery only lasted 90 minutes which restricted his potential activities.

"It's hard to try and plan your day out 90 minutes at a time," McClelland said.

The long awaited day came on Jan. 4, 2018, when McClelland underwent a 13-hour bilateral lung transplant, an operation that became increasingly difficult due to the years of scar tissue build up.

"They had to chip out my old lungs and leave my scar open for four days because of swelling," McClelland said. "My left lung was 85 percent scar tissue and my right lung was 100 percent."

There is only a small number of lung transplants that happen across the country. Thus, being able to receive a new full set of lungs is not something that McClelland takes lightly.

"Between Jan. 1 and Oct. 18, there were only 20 lung transplants total," McClelland said. "I was one of them."

However, just when it seemed that things could only go up, McClelland developed Epstein-Barr virus, a post transplant bacterial infection.

"You're going to get anything that comes from the lungs," McClelland said.

This became the first in a line of post transplant complications. By June 2018, McClelland was diagnosed with Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disorder (PTLD). This is a rare type of lymphoma that can occur in a small number of transplant patients. But luckily, after a series of effective treatments, McClelland was once again on the brighter side of recovery.

It was while in the hospital that McClelland discovered NMU's work with organ donation through the Gift of Life Campus Challenge, an organization that focuses on registering people to be organ donors.

"I first read about this when I was recovering from my transplant, it meant a lot to me," McClelland said. "I thought I was going to die waiting for lungs."

While McClelland has overcome many obstacles, the transplant has caused Neutropenia, leaving no defense

against infections or even the common cold. Thanks to treatments, McClelland is able to live with Neutropenic and plan for the future that never seemed possible before surgery. This is something that was most recently discovered on a trip out to San Francisco over Christmas.

"I was able to fly and hike around the city. I'm a lot sharper and everything works better," McClelland said. "It's amazing how not having enough oxygen effects everything in your body."

Time was never something McClelland thought was in large supply given the situation. However, with so many possibilities and an improving bill of health, McClelland wants to focus on spreading the word about the benefits of organ donation.

"It is something that you can do with your life that in the light of your death can really make an impact," McClelland said. "Every donor can save up to eight people."

Officially one year post transplant, McClelland is working from home and trying to find the right words for the donor family to thank them for everything that the loss has given.

"I've never been able to breathe this well in my entire life," McClelland said. "For the first time in forever I have a sense of normalcy."



After extensive tests, McClelland received the go-ahead to get new lungs. Prior to the procedure, he was reliant on his oxygen machine in order to get the required amount needed.



McClelland was one of the lucky patients to finally get off of the organ donor list and undergo the life changing operation. procedure, he was reliant on his oxygen machine in order to get the required amount needed.

According to the Gift of Life website, the non profit organization developed in 1991 when Jay Feinberg was diagnosed with Leukemia and in need of a life saving bone marrow transplant. At the time, the search committee was called Friends of Jay. It took four years of searching, but a match was found in 1994. Feinberg decided to continue the committee's work and from then on Friends of Jay became Gift of Life. Ten years later, Gift of Life was able to construct a way to contact the most requested donor demographic, ages 18 to 25 by spreading out to college campuses. By 2015, there was a Gift of Life program for universities in every state. By 2017, there were 90 programs across the country.

NMU students interested in registering as an organ donor can attend one of the events listed below. Those interested should bring a state ID. Paperwork is minimal and information cards will be provided.

- From 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 @ Woods front desk
- From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 @ Wildcat Wellness Health Fair
- From 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 @ Woods front desk
- From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 @ Jamrich lobby
- From 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18 @ Jamrich lobby
- From 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 @ Jamrich lobby

Tales of Vesperia: Definitive Edition impresses

By Josh LaGorio

contributing writer

The year 2008 saw the release of a rather beloved Japanese role-playing game, or JRPG, exclusively on the Xbox 360. This game was Tales of Vesperia, heralded for having a great cast of characters, fun gameplay and an excellent story. It quickly became a favorite among the niche Tales series of games.

Just a year later, an extended re-release came to Japan on the Playstation 3, possessing plenty of new features and tweaks that almost invalidated the 360 version. Unfortunately, the PS3 version never saw release outside of Japan, until now. Released on every current platform, Tales of Vesperia: Definitive Edition, seeks to give players every bell and whistle.

The biggest part of any RPG is the storyline. In the land of Terca Lumireis, the people have relied upon an energy source known as "blastia." It powers basic functions of everyday items, supplies people with ways to defend themselves and powers cities with energy barriers. These barriers ward off monsters that plague the



Game: Tales of Vesperia: Definitive Edition

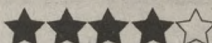
Developer: Bandai Namco

Director: Yoshito Higuchi

Release date: Jan. 11, 2019

Systems: Nintendo Switch, Playstation 4, Xbox 1

Rating: 4 stars



world. The story follows Ex-imperial knight Yuri Lowell who lives in the lower quarter of the capital city. One day, the blastia that regulated the lower quarter's water supply is stolen. After some investigating, Yuri meets a young noble lady named Estellise who's looking for Yuri's old friend and member of the knights, Flynn. The two set

off in search of both him and the thief. Along the way, they meet a variety of other characters that join them on their adventure.

While the entire cast is great, the definite standout is the main character himself, Yuri. Shaking off the very typical "good-guy" personality, Yuri, is more of a loose can-

non and somewhat of a vigilante. Part of the story consists of Yuri coming up with a way to change the corrupt ways of the government. It makes for a very likeable human and exciting lead.

Tales as a series is very different from most others of the same genre. It feels more like an RPG mixed with a fighting game. While there is a basic overworld traversal to get to towns strewn about the map, the player can set a lead character that they can control in battles. Each character has a set of basic and special attacks that can be strung together and the farther the player gets, the more complex the combat.

For example, Yuri is a full-on attacker who's good at racking up damage and combos. Estellise is the designated healer who's there to keep the group high in health. One of the nuances that come with the definitive edition that can't be found in the original is the addition of two characters. One is returning, Flynn, but he wasn't a permanent addition until now, as he was a part of the team very briefly in the original 360 version.

The whole new character, Patty, is exclusive to the definitive edition, and her inclusion added a whole other side to the story.

There are a handful of notable flaws in the game. First off, the voice acting. It's great alone, but there is one small issue with it.

Yuri switches between two voice actors depending on the scenes. If it was a scene that was voiced in the 360 version, Troy Baker, his original voice actor speaks, but if it's a new line not present in the original, then Grant George comes out instead. He does a decent job of mirroring Baker's voice, but it's still nonetheless noticeable.

The other issue has to do with the fact that this is a re-release of an older game. Framerate might be steady and the world might be sprawling, but in story scenes, the characters movements are usually very stiff. Especially for some intense moments, it could warrant a chuckle on occasion from how goofy it looks.

With more than 40 hours of gameplay, this adventure and challenge is worth taking on.

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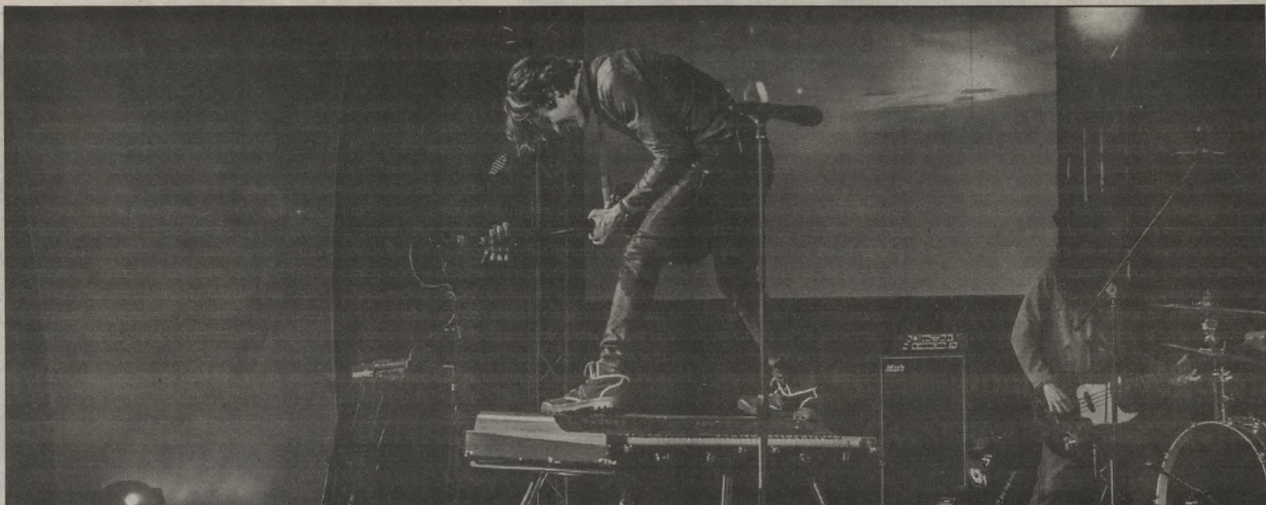


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David Zach of Remedy Drive will talk from 1 to 4 p.m. at a Q & A event this Saturday at the Ore Dock Brewing Co. Zach completed intense social work, including exposing underground sex-trafficking organizations to local government with the organization Exodus Road. He will also perform during the Sunday morning services at the North Iron Church in Ishpeming.

Anti-sex trafficking musician to answer questions

By Isabelle Tavares
features editor

In 2018, there were 5,147 human trafficking cases reported in the United States, according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline website. Lead singer David Zach of Remedy Drive, an alternative Christian rock band dedicated to anti-sex trafficking, will be in Marquette to share his stories of working undercover to bust sex-traffick-

ing organizations.

Hosted by the student organization Amnesty International (AI), the Q & A will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Ore Dock Brewing Co. Zach will also perform on Sunday during the morning services at 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the North Iron Church in Ishpeming.

Owner of Velodrome Coffee Company and former drummer for Remedy Drive Brice Stur-

mer said Zach's work is intense.

"I have so much respect for David. He will tell me these crazy and heartbreaking stories but through that, he has all this hope and light," Sturmer said. "The Q & A on Saturday will be really special because it will be a conversation about his work and what he does."

Zach traveled to brothels in Asia and Latin America in pursuit of video evidence and any information he could collect on sex workers, including their name and age. The organization Zach worked with, Exodus Road, then takes the information to the local government to bust the brothels. Zach's concept album "Commodity" was inspired by the anti-sex trafficking organization he worked undercover for, Exodus Road. The album wrestles with the intersection of Christian faith and sex-trafficking, Sturmer said.

Statistics suggest younger and younger girls are being trafficked, Sturmer said. Although the grimy hands of sex-traffickers are seemingly clean in the

United States, he said it goes on in our backyard. The Michigan trafficking hotline tallied 176 cases alone for 2018.

Sturmer said it's important to invest in organizations like Exodus Road because they do the actual work to raise awareness.

"I'm kind of cynical when it comes to giving money to nonprofits and organizations [because] it's hard to know where your dollar is going. With Remedy Drive, they publish their budget online and are actually showing results," Sturmer said. "If one person is pulled out of sex-trafficking then it's absolutely worth it."

Regardless of being a former drummer for Remedy Drive, Sturmer said its music is prevalent and important to the world.

"It's incredibly inspirational and its music has an absolute purpose. You can find music where it's great or creative, but it's hard to find music that's creative and also has that message behind it," Sturmer said.

Senior social work major Abi Austin and Amnesty International (AI) co-president said this organization is a vehicle to host Zach. As a budding student organization with a strong focus on campaigning for human rights, Austin hopes that their influence results in large student turnout.

"I really want to hear what he has to say about being in the midst of so much injustice while still staying hopeful," Austin said.

Zach's Q & A will provide an honest conversation of what his job looks like and Austin said she hopes people who are interested in that line of work will come. This event will illuminate how his work has affected multiple aspects of his personal life such as dealing with PTSD and the effect it has had on his relationships with people, she added.

"There's not these really clear, happy endings all the time but I hope that people can get a really realistic picture of how to stay hopeful in the middle of so much injustice," Austin said.

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— Brice Sturmer
Owner, Velodrome Coffee Company

Madgoodies Studio to celebrate love and local artists

By Jessica Parsons
copy editor

This Valentine's Day, are you single, taken or an artist?

A Valentine's pop-up show called Hearts and Hops will feature artwork from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight at the Ore Dock Brewing Co. With a splash of Valentine's flair, work from local artists, such as Madeline Goodman from Madgoodies Studio, will be on display as well as for sale. Admissions are free, but purchase of a

beverage is appreciated.

Artwork displayed on the walls and for sale will also include creations from NMU students and alumni, generally from the art and design program, Goodman said, the work of Megan Hillier, a graphic artist and NMU student who will have "sweet Valentine's cards."

"I'm so excited to see all the fun creations everyone's making for it and all the alum too," Goodman said.

Additionally, there will be a photobooth where you can take selfies while holding fake cards and other fun props.

"I'm very thankful for the local businesses in town that have hosted pop-up shows," Goodman said. "Local artists come together and support each other as well as community members coming to support the local artists."

Goodman owns Madgoodies Studio, located at 209 W. Ohio

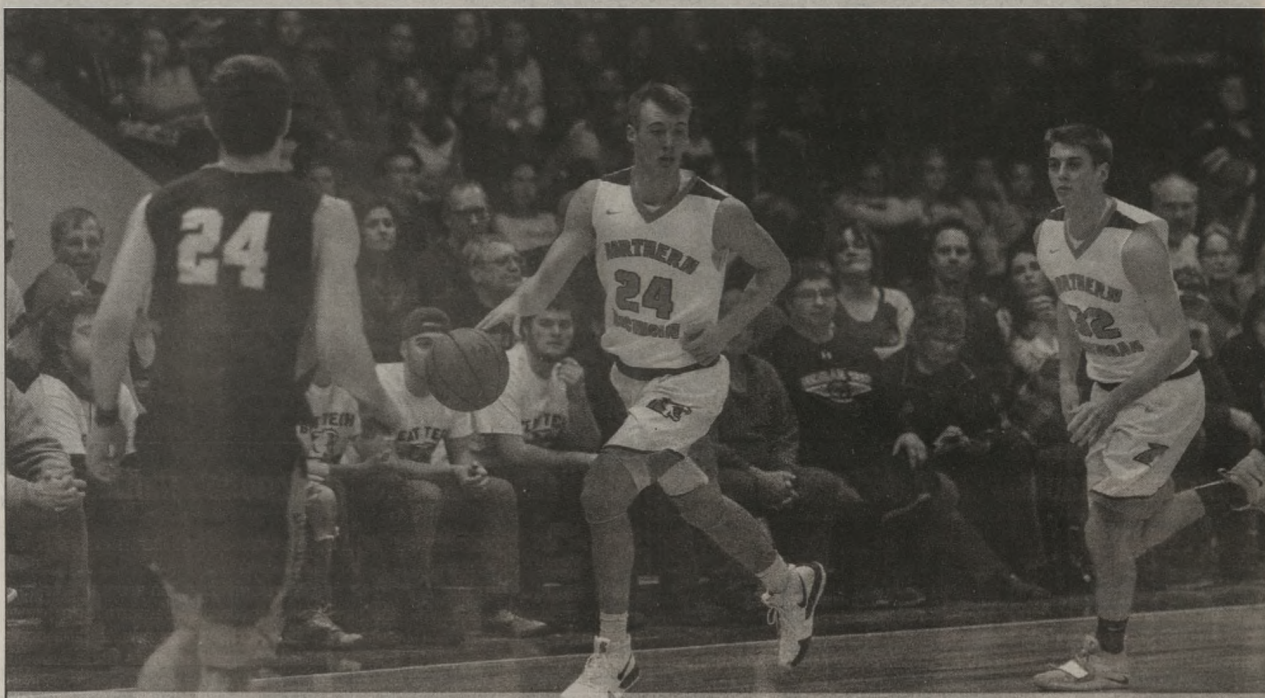
St., kitty-corner from Contrast Coffee. Goodman explained that the coffee shop hosts events that support local artists like herself, adding their ability to do so is "huge."

"I believe it's the right niche to own an art studio in Marquette," Goodman said. "As an artist, what I create is what I love," she said.

Goodman is thought of as a mentor, she said, for those that want to turn their small hand-

made creations into something more and wants to help others market their product, like branding and pricing. Something Goodman said she wishes she was told as an undergraduate is to "carve out" time for one's self as an artist and value it.

Goodman encourages beginner artists who believe they have potential to reach out to her on social media or see what she's up to, perhaps in another "goofy photo" or a recent post.



Middle of the pack 'Cats looking for playoff push

Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

In an earlier season matchup against Michigan Tech University, sophomore guard Alec Fruin looks to make a play while junior guard Marcus Matelski trails behind.

By Nate Bellville
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As the GLIAC playoff race heats up, the Northern Michigan University Men's Basketball team battled to a road split as they lost to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers in overtime 71-65, but rebounded to defeat the Purdue Northwest University (PNW) Pride 86-74 over the weekend in a GLIAC matchup.

Head coach Bill Sall said he was impressed with last weekend's performances especially from their newcomers, sophomore guard Alec Fruin and red-shirt freshman Troy Summers, but felt the team should've swept both games.

"It's been huge to see the development of those players. Especially with having Troy as a low-post [scoring] threat and Alec as a scorer and a defender which he'd never been," Sall said. "As a team, we played incredibly well, we just missed some scoring opportunities and it cost us."

Senior center Max Prendergast said the team played hard, but felt from the Parkside game that they should've won.

"I thought we defended well, especially with holding them to their season average [in points], but they scored six points on us early and we just couldn't get back," Prendergast said.

NMU started off Thursday's game leading 8-2 after a three by senior guard Naba Echols. However, the Rangers answered back and took a 25-22 lead after a Jonathan Morrobel three. The game stayed neck-and-neck throughout the rest of the first half, but a Wildcat eight-point run confirmed a 30-28 lead at halftime.

A layup by senior guard/forward Isaiah Johnson kicked off a tight second half. The Rangers led 39-32 at one point, but NMU tied the game at 41 with a three from junior guard Sam Taylor. Both teams battled back-and-forth, but Summers scored four straight points to tie the game at 51. Johnson made four late free throws, but Parkside rallied back to tie the game at 56, forcing an overtime session.

In the overtime period, Parkside raced out to a 62-56 lead. Free throws by Echols and a layup by Johnson brought the Wildcats to a three point trail, but three free throws from the Rangers sealed their 71-65 win.

Johnson finished with 21 points, followed by Echols with 18.

In Saturday's contest, both PNW and NMU started off Saturday's game close until NMU took a 14-9 lead thanks to an "and-one" scoring play from Summers. It would stay neck-and-neck as baskets from Summers and junior center Myles Howard extended

It'll be bittersweet, but we've got revenge on our minds against both of these teams [Northwood and Saginaw Valley State].

— Max Prendergast
center, senior

NMU's lead to 29-24. NMU would pull away into halftime as junior guard Kenton Mack sank two free throws to make the score 48-38 in favor of the Wildcats.

PNW pushed out to an 8-2 run out of the break, but NMU bounced back after Fruin's five-point solo run to make it 61-52. After a PNW three, the Wildcats extended their lead to 12 after a Fruin three and a Summers free throw. The Pride rallied to within seven, but free throws from Echols, Johnson and Fruin iced NMU's 86-74 win.

Four players finished in double figures as Echols and Johnson both scored 20 points each. Summers added a double-double with a career-high of 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Fruin also scored a career-high of 17 points.

The 'Cats will wrap up the

Day celebration.

The four senior players on the team—Echols, Johnson, Prendergast and guard Kenton Mack—will be playing in their last regular season game from the confines of the Berry Events Center.

Though Prendergast will be announced as one of the departing senior players, he and the rest of the team know there are games to be played.

"It'll be bittersweet, but we've got revenge on our minds against both of these teams," Prendergast said. "Northwood just beat us [earlier] this season and Saginaw beat us good last year, so that's what we're looking forward to."

After last week's games, NMU (12-8, 7-6 GLIAC) is now listed in third in the GLIAC North Division standings and fifth overall in the GLIAC.

As a team, we played incredibly well, we just missed some scoring opportunities and it cost us.

— Bill Sall
head coach, men's basketball

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nordic Skiing

Northern Michigan University Nordic Skiing won all four races over the weekend as the Wildcats competed in the Northern Michigan CCSA Races at the Al Quaal Recreation Area in Ishpeming.

Freshman Abigail Jarzin recorded her first collegiate victory on Saturday in the women's five-kilometer freestyle race. She defeated the field with a time of 49 minutes, 19.80 seconds, more than 15 seconds faster than the runner-up. Rounding out the NMU scorers for the race were senior Nicole Schneider and junior Julie Ensrud. Schneider was the third-fastest skier while Ensrud finished fourth.

The Wildcat men also placed three skiers in the top-five led by junior Zak Ketterson who was the top finisher with a time of 55:57.60 in the 10-kilometer freestyle event. Just behind Ketterson was sophomore Kjetil Baanerud in second place and junior Mathias Aas-Rolid who finished fourth.

Both teams won the team portion on each day and defeated Michigan Technological University, College of Saint Scholastica, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and St. Olaf College. On the women's side, the Wildcats also defeated St. Cloud State University as well. On Saturday, the men's team posted a total of 108 points and followed with 111 points on Sunday. The women's team collected 105 points Saturday and also notched 111 points on Sunday.

Hockey

The Northern Michigan University Hockey team is hosting a Celebration of Hockey Event at the Delft Bistro starting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11.

The event is open to the community and will feature the NMU Hockey team as well as the coaching staff. Advanced tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$25 and are required for this event. To get tickets, contact Bridget Kyle at brberub@nmu.edu or call 906-227-2371.

Wildcat of the week



Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

Marquette native, senior Shayla Huebner, helped guide the Wildcats to a victory in the Pointer Classic race at UW-Stevens Point. Huebner first captured victory in the 400-meter sprint with a time of 57.19 seconds which is the 26th fastest time in the country. She followed that race up with another first place victory, this time in the 200-meter sprints with a time of 26.01 seconds.



Rebound win against the Pride

Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

Sophomore guard/forward Lexi Smith dribbles down the lane in a previous home matchup against Michigan Tech University. Smith has appeared in each of the 21 games played this season.

By Levi Erkkila
staff writer

The Northern Michigan Women's Basketball team hit the road this past weekend for a pair of GLIAC contents with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside (UWP) Rangers and the Purdue University Northwest (PNW) Pride. Despite a career-high 21-point performance from senior forward Darby Youngstrom on Thursday, the Wildcats fell 72-64 to Parkside. NMU responded Saturday with 44-40 victory over the Rangers.

Thursday's game also saw action from sophomore forward Lexi Smith who chipped in with 13 points and finished with a team-best of three steals. Sophomore guard Elizabeth Lutz notched 12 points while junior forward Erin Honkala contributed seven points and paced the team with eight rebounds.

The Wildcats jumped out to an 11-5 lead to begin Thursday's game. The Rangers were able to go on a 13-5 run to finish out the quarter and Parkside took an 18-15 advantage into the second frame.

The Rangers started the second quarter with 10 unanswered points, taking a 28-15 lead with four minutes left in the half. Northern cut the deficit down to 28-19 with 2:44 to play. The teams entered the break with Parkside leading 32-21.

Early in the third quarter, the Wildcats closed the gap to nine with the score at 34-25. Parkside extended their lead to 38-29 with three minutes to play in the quarter. The Rangers scored a basket at the end of the third quarter giving Parkside a 46-33 lead.

Starting the the fourth quarter, NMU was unable to cut into the Ranger lead and with 7:21 to play in the game, the Wildcats trailed 53-40. Northern hit a three to

cut the lead to 67-57 with 1:28 to play. The deficit proved to be too much for the Wildcats, and Parkside captured the 72-64 victory.

In Saturday's game, junior center Jessica Schultz led the Wildcats with 13 points. Schultz also had three blocked shots and nine rebounds. Lutz added nine points while Youngstrom and Smith both tallied eight points. Youngstrom and Honkala also added a team-best of 10 rebounds.

PNW opened the game strong and with 4:26 to play in the quarter, the Pride had a 10-2 advantage. With 1:16 on the clock the Pride had a 19-9 lead. The teams failed to score before the end of the first frame and NMU trailed by 10 heading into the second quarter.

In the second quarter, the Wildcat offense woke up and cut the lead to 19-18 with 6:21 to go in the half. With 4:53 to play in the first half, NMU gained their first lead of the game. The Pride regained the lead 23-22 with 2:43 to go. The Wildcats managed to tie the game before half time and the

score was deadlocked at 25-25.

In the third quarter, NMU again outshot their opponent coming out of the break, this time the tune of a 32-27 lead four minutes into the second half. Northern's 5-3 run to finish the third quarter gave the Wildcats a 37-30 lead heading into the final frame.

The 'Cats scored two more points, advancing the lead to 9 points. The Pride answered and made it a two points game, 39-37 with 4:14 to go. With only nine seconds left, the Wildcats clung to a 42-37 advantage. The Pride hit a three seconds later, but two NMU free throws in the final seconds would secure the 44-40 win.

The Wildcats improve to 15-6 on the season and are now 10-3 in the GLIAC. NMU will return to action at the Berry Events Center at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, to take on Saginaw Valley State University. And at 1 p.m. on Saturday, NMU will celebrate Senior Day as they take on Northwood University.



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

Junior forward/center Jessica Schultz anchors a stout Wildcat defense.



Ice 'Cats fighting for playoffs

Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

Senior forward Troy Loggins extends to deflect a pass during Friday night's contest against the Bowling Green State University Falcons. Loggins scored his 12th goal of the season on a third period power-play.

By Ryan Spitz
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University Ice Hockey team settled for a weekend split over then-No. 13 Bowling Green State University (BGSU) at the Berry Events Center last weekend.

The Wildcats suffered a heart-breaker on Friday, surrendering a late lead and falling 3-2 to the Falcons 17 seconds into overtime.

NMU picked up a 3-2 victory of its own Saturday with the help of three first period goals from freshman forward Grant Loven and junior forwards Luke Voltin and Darien Craighead.

In Friday's contest, sophomore defenseman Adam Roeder scored the first Wildcats goal in the second period, with Voltin and senior defenseman Tony Bretzman assisting. Roeder's tally evened the score at 1-1 at the time.

The Wildcats went up 2-1 at the 2:30 mark of the third period on a power play slap shot from senior forward Troy Loggins. The Wildcats held that lead for nearly 14 minutes before BGSU's Connor Ford found the back of the net at 15:04 to even things up and force overtime.

The Falcons won the opening faceoff of overtime, and John Schilling quickly walked in on NMU senior netminder Atte Tolvanen, slipping the puck by him for the quick game-winner with Ford assisting on the overtime goal.

Shots on goal were 24-23 in favor of the Falcons, with Tolvanen stopping 21 while BGSU goaltender Ryan Bednard turned away 21 shots.

The Falcons outshot the Wildcats again Saturday, this time by a 28-23 margin, but the NMU defense locked things down after BGSU made it a one-goal game late with another Schilling goal with 23 seconds left.

Tolvanen stopped 26 shots Saturday while Bednard finished with 20 saves.

NMU now sits 14-13-0 overall and 13-7-0 in WCHA play. The Wildcats will travel to Huntsville, Alabama, this weekend to face the University of Alabama-Huntsville (UAH) Chargers for the first time this season.

With just four weeks left in the season, the Chargers have been a thorn in NMU's side over the last few seasons. Over the past two seasons, the Wildcats have just

a 4-5-0 record against UAH, including playoffs. It's the first time the team will meet since last season's WCHA first-round playoff series, where the Chargers were able to force a decisive game three at the Berry Events Center before the Wildcats took the series with a 5-2 victory.

Not only could this be considered a trap series for the Wildcats, but there's also a log jam atop the WCHA standings.

NMU currently sits in fourth place with 39 points, the final position in the race for home ice during the playoffs. Michigan Tech sits right behind NMU with 36 points while Bemidji is in sixth with 34.

Ahead of the Wildcats are Lake Superior State with 41 points, BGSU with 43 and first-place Minnesota State-Mankato who are in cruise control with 54 points.

Minnesota State, Bowling Green, Lake Superior State, NMU and Michigan Tech have all clinched playoff berths.

Puck drop from the Von Braun Center in Huntsville is set for 7:07 p.m. on Friday with a 4:37 p.m. matchup preceding on Saturday.

Runners and jumpers shine at Pointer Invitational Race

By Travis Nelson
contributing writer

Behind six individual first-place finishes for the second consecutive meet, the Northern Michigan University Women's Track and Field team took first place at the Pointer Invitational that was hosted by UW-Stevens Point last weekend. NMU finished with a team total of 161 points, besting runner-up UW-Stevens Point by eight points. Coach Jenny Ryan saw improvement this past meet and is hopeful for the upcoming GLIAC Championships in a few weeks.

"It was a good meet for the team," Ryan said. "We definitely improved some times, and had some great performances, and some good competitions. I was happy with how our athletes competed against each other. [They] went hard and ran hard. We didn't get as many personal records but we had some great races with good jumps, good throws [and] good performances all around. We're definitely heading in the right direction."

Senior Shayla Huebner has an impressive showing for the Wildcats, as she took home the 400-meter title with a time of 57.19 seconds, as well as earning a provisional time. Two more Wildcats weren't far behind, as senior Paige Dutcher finished second and junior Paige Du Bois placed fifth.

However, Huebner wasn't done yet as she won the 200-meter with a time of 26.01 seconds, with junior Sydney McPeters and Dutcher following right behind in second and third place.

In the field events, senior Michelle Juergen took home the high jump title for the second meet in a row, clearing 5 feet, 6 inches and tying her season best provisional mark.

Juergen also placed third in the long jump, while sophomore Dunja Drobac took fifth place competing in the triple jump.

NMU was a force in the mile run as well, as they finished in first and second place. Sophomore Elise Longley had the winning time of 5:16.57, and claiming second place at 5:25:39 was freshman Anna Kelley.

In the 3,000 meter run, four Wildcats placed in the top five while senior Abby Fifarek came in as the runner-up at 10:51.78. Not far behind were junior Hanna Torvi, Kelley and Longley, as they rounded out the top of the podium.

In the sprinting events, sophomore Izabelle Peterson led the "Cats once again, winning the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.78 seconds. McPeters had a good showing as well as she placed third with a time of 7.91 seconds. In the 60-meter hurdles, sophomore Nina Augsten won the event in 9.41 seconds. NMU would gain one more top-five finish of the day when the 4x400-meter relay team of junior Megan Martin, senior Lynsey Collins, freshman Hannah Jones and freshman Sydney Ormsbee took third place with a time of 4:09.77.

This weekend, the Wildcats travel to Grand Valley State University to compete in the GVSU Big Meet, an event that has a GLIAC Championships feel to it.

"It's a high-level meet, and Friday is the elite part of the meet that you actually had to qualify for," Ryan said. "[Only] 12 athletes will compete on that day, and everyone else plus them will compete on Saturday, but both meets are really a lot of competition and high-quality races. It'll [help] get us prepared for the conference championships."

Wildcat Sports Schedule

Feb. 7	Feb. 8	Feb. 9
Women's Basketball vs Saginaw Valley State 5:30 p.m.	Women's Track & Field at GVSU Invitational Time TBD	Women's Track & Field at GVSU Invitational Time TBD
Men's Basketball vs Saginaw Valley State 7:30 p.m.	Men's Ice Hockey at Alabama Huntsville 7 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs Northwood University 1 p.m.
		Men's Basketball vs Northwood University 3 p.m.
		Men's Ice Hockey at Alabama Huntsville 4:30 p.m.

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